(b) if so, when, and what are the proposals put forward by different States;

(c) the names of those schemes; and

(d) by when these schemes are likely to be taken up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, on 14-1-1988 The salient features/ proposals are as follows:

(i) Maintenance of the Piprasi-Pipraghat embankment.

(ii) Diversion of surplus Ganga flood waters to Yamuna basin.

(iii) Bank protection works below Farakka Barrage on the Ganga on the right bank, and sharing of its costs.

(iv) Sharing of cost of bank protection works of river Ganga at Mansi and Narayanpur.

(v) Release of surplus water from Tenughat Dam for boro paddy crop in DVC command.

(vi) Regulated development of Diara land.

(d) The Board has been pursuing these matters with all concerned.

Irrigation Schemes of West Bengal

4298. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of irrigation schemes from West Bengal which are lying with the Central Government for approval;

(b) since when these are lying pending;

(c) the estimated cost of each scheme; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to clear these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) Subernarekha Barrage Project and Modernisation of Kangsabati Project estimated to cost Rs. 226 crores and Rs. 311 crores respectively have been considered by the Advisory Committee in January, 1988 and found acceptable subject to the State Government obtaining the environment clearance. In the case of the former project, concurrence of State Finance Department for the latest cost is also required. Ajoy Reservoir and Dwarakeshwari-Gangheswari Reservoir projects estimated to cost Rs. 102 crores and Rs. 84 crores respectively have been examined and comments on the same have been sent to the State Government for compliance. These two projects are not included in the Seventh Plan.

Projects behind schedule

4299. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether some major projects in Power, Coal, Steel and Fertiliser sectors are behind schedule due to disputes relating to land and environment clearance and delayed equipment;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to avoid further delay in the clearance of these projects; and